

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST
LOWMAN RANGER DISTRICT**

Road Closure
For Resource Protection & Public Safety

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(b), the following act is prohibited on National Forest System Lands, within the administrative boundaries of the Lowman Ranger District, Boise National Forest. This Order will be in effect when signed through May 24, 2010; or until the road surface has dried and closure signs removed by Forest Officers.

1. Using any motorized vehicle on the road (as described below). **36 CFR 261.54(a)**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal administrative personnel in the performance of official duty.

ROAD DESCRIPTION

Portion of National Forest System Road #579 (aka Bear Valley Road): Closure of National Forest System Road #579 is described as beginning at the junction of NFS Road #579 Idaho State Highway 21, within Township 11 North, Range 10 East, Section 24, and continuing Northwest, for approximately 9 miles to the Bruce Meadows airstrip parking lot within Township 12 North, Range 9 East, Section 37. This section of road lies within Custer and Valley Counties, within National Forest System lands administered by the Lowman Ranger District of the Boise National Forest and the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Salmon-Challis National Forest, Boise Meridian.

PURPOSE


The road, as described above, had snow removal operations that began on April 5, 2010. At least six inches of snow remained after snow removal, which provided the remainder of the snow the opportunity to melt more slowly, thereby protecting the road surface from damage. The road must be closed to motorized vehicles to protect the road surface while it is drying during

snowmelt thus reducing the possibility of resource damage. The snow removal period started April 5, 2010, and will last for several weeks. The remaining snow is expected to be melted, the road surface dried, and roads open to the public by May 24, 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect when signed through May 24, 2010, or until the road surface has dried and closure signs removed by Forest Officers.
2. A map identifying the above-described area is attached to and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual, \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous orders/notices for the above-described roads or portions thereof.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Lowman Ranger District Office, Lowman, ID, telephone number 208-259-3361, and at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office, Boise, ID, telephone number 208-373-4100.

Done at Boise, Idaho this 6th day of May, 2010.



CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ
Forest Supervisor
Boise National Forest


Order Number: 0402-05-31

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan
2010 Forest service road #597 Snow Plowing
Lowman Ranger District – Boise National Forest
Order Number: 0402-05-31

1. Background. The project removed snow to allow road surfaces to adequately dry on National Forest System Road #579. The project, located on the Lowman Ranger District of the Boise National Forest and the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Salmon-Challis National Forest, started on April 4th, 2010 and will continue through May 24th, 2010.
2. Intent of Subpart B order. This road closure is for all motorized traffic: to promote public safety, and prevent resource damage during the snow melting process.
3. Enforcement Plan. On the ground signing and maintenance of signs will occur along Forest System Road # 579.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	5/6/2010
Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO	5/6/2010
	RO LE&I and OGC	5/6/2010
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	5/7/2010
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	5/8/2010
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	PAO	
Educational contacts will be made to obtain voluntary compliance as needed	Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel through out the temporary closure period.	Ongoing

Plan approved for implementation:


CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ
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5/6/2010
DATE

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Effective May 11, 2010 through May 24, 2010

